

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

13. (New) A surfactant/solvent system for liquid formulation comprising

- α) one or more nonaromatic-based surfactants
- β) as a solvent, one or more triester(s) of phosphoric acid with alcohols, said triester(s) being insoluble in water or soluble in water up to a concentration of not more than 10 g/l, wherein tri(butoxyethyl)phosphate is excluded.

14. (New) The surfactant/solvent as claimed in claim 13 wherein the triester(s) are insoluble in water or are soluble in water up to a concentration of not more than 10 g/l.

15. (New) The surfactant/solvent system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the alcohols are selected from the group consisting of

- 1) monohydric alkanols having 5 to 22 carbon atoms,
- 2) diols or polyols,
- 3) aryl, alkylaryl, poly(alkyl)aryl and poly(arylalkyl)aryl alcohols,
- 4) alkoxylated alcohols obtained by reacting the alcohols mentioned above under 1), 2) or 3) with alkylene oxides, and
- 5) alkoxylated alcohols obtained by reacting monohydric alkanols having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and alkylene oxides.

16. (New) The surfactant/solvent system as claimed in claim 13, as component β), one or more compounds from the group of

- alkoxylated short-chain alcohols having 1-22 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and 1 to 30 alkyleneoxy units in the polyalkyleneoxy moiety which have been reacted completely with ortho-phosphoric

acid,

- alkyl alcohols having 5 -22 carbon atoms which have been reacted completely with ortho-phosphoric acid,
- optionally alkoxyated alcohols having 1-22 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and phenol derivatives, which have been partially reacted with ortho-phosphoric acid, in each case with a 0 to 30 alkyleneoxy units in the polyalkyleneoxy moiety, the remaining OH valencies of the orthophosphoric acid subsequently having been alkoxyated, and esters of n-octylphosphonic acid which has formally been reacted twice with alcohols.

17. (New) A liquid active substance formulation which comprises

- a) one or more active substances which are insoluble in water or soluble up to a concentration of 10 g/l,
- b) the surfactant/solvent system as claimed in claim 13,
- c) if appropriate further organic solvents,
- d) if appropriate further adjuvants and additives such as further surfactants and/or polymers, and
- e) if appropriate water.

18. (New) A liquid active substance formulation as claimed in claim 17,

which comprises

- a) 1 to 50% by weight of agrochemical active substances,
- b) 5 to 80% by weight of the surfactant/solvent system according to claim 13,
- c) 0 to 40% by weight of further organic solvents,

- d) 0 to 20% by weight of customary adjuvants and additives other than (f),
- e) 0 to 96% by weight of water and
- f) 0 to 30% by weight of further surfactants.

19. (New) A liquid active substance formulation as claimed in claim 17 in the form of an emulsifiable concentrate.

20. (New) An emulsifiable concentrate as claimed in claim 19 which comprises

- a) 10 to 40% by weight of agrochemical active substances,
- b) 10 to 60% by weight of the surfactant/solvent system according to claim 13,
- c) 5 to 35% by weight of further organic solvents,
- d) 0 to 10% by weight of customary adjuvants and additives other than (e), and
- e) 10 to 25% by weight of further surfactants.

21. (New) A liquid active substance formulation as claimed in claim 17, which comprises one or more active substances from the group of the herbicides desmedipham, phenmedipham and ethofumesate.

22. (New) A process for the preparation of an active substance formulation as defined in claim 17, wherein the components are mixed with each other.

23. (New) A liquid active substance formulation which comprises one or more active substances and the surfactant/solvent system according to claim 13.

24. (New) An emulsifiable concentrate which comprises at least one agrochemical active substance and the surfactant/solvent system according to claim 13.